GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SETTING UP OF CANCER HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of deaths due to cancer is increasing specially in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up more Cancer Hospitals for research and treatment of this disease accessible to rural people during the next five-year plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): The exact number of deaths due to cancer in India is not known since it is not maintained centrally. According to ICMR based Population Bases Cancer Registry, the estimated number of deaths due to cancer in India is about 4.4 lakh every year.

(C)& (d): Health being a state subject, it is for the State Government to ensure that adequate facilities for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer are made available to the cancer patients. Under the National Cancer Control Programme this Ministry has recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) in different States/UTs to fill up the gaps in treatment of cancer. Based on State Govt. recommendation, new Regional Cancer Centres are recognized and Oncology wings in Govt. Hospitals are assisted financially.